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ADDITIONS TO CURRICULUM STUDY STAFF

Two additional appointments have been made to the Curriculum Study staff.

IRVING WEISSMAN

MR. IRVING WEISSMAN, Professor of Social Research, Tulane University School of Social Work, will join the Study staff as Associate Director in charge of the PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES project. His full time service will begin on May 28, but he will give partial service to the Study during the remainder of this semester. Mr. Weissman holds the M.S.W. from University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work and has had graduate study in economics and sociology at the University of Wisconsin and in social research and social work at Washington University. For the past eight years he has taught courses in social security, social agency administration and social research at Tulane.

Prior to his university affiliation, Mr. Weissman served for three years as director of the guardianship study of the U.S. Children's Bureau. His other public social service positions include: Associate Director, Agency relations Department, Delaware State Board of Charities; Assistant Director, St. Louis City Relief Department.

MISS RUTH BUTLER will join the Study staff on April 1, 1956, as Associate Director in charge of the HUMAN GROWTH AND BEHAVIOR project. Miss Butler holds an M.S. from Simmons College School of Social Work.

Since 1950 Miss Butler has served as Research Associate in Medical Social Work in the Department of Maternal and Child Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her major responsibility there has been the investigation of the relationship of social factors in the health and development of normal children. She has taught at the schools of social work of Boston University, Simmons College and the University of Pittsburgh and at the Institute of Almoners, London, England.

RUTH BUTLER

STAFF ADVISERS — DR. EVELINE BURNS, the New York School of Social Work, Columbia University, and MISS PHYLLIS OSBORN, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, have been appointed as Staff Associates for the PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES project.

REQUEST FROM STUDY STAFF — The Study staff again urges that all materials relating to curriculum activities, such as committee reports, statements of objectives, course outlines and syllabi, etc., be made available to them. These materials should be mailed to Werner W. Boehm, Council on Social Work Education, 345 East 46th St., New York 17, N.Y.

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NEW POLICY WITH RESPECT TO APPROVAL OF SPECIALIZED CURRICULA
Adopted by Commission on Accreditation, January 24, 1956
and
Referred to Board of Directors and Council of Delegates for Action.

The Committee on Specializations in Social Work Education established by the Commission on Accreditation was given the following charge by the Commission at its Meeting in May 1954:

Charge to Committee on Specializations in Social Work Education

1. To examine existing standards for present specializations and the possible need for change in these standards; and to concern itself with standards for new combinations and configurations of specializations in social work. (Standards for specializations were to be reviewed in relation to the philosophy of the curriculum policy statement and the general standards outlined in the Manual of Accrediting Standards.)
2. To examine, in light of the Committee's findings, the possibility of a modification of the existing procedure for approval of specialized sequences.

On January 14, 1956 the Committee on Specializations voted unanimously to adopt the changed policy stated below as its recommendation to the Commission on Accreditation:

Report and Recommendations of Committee on Specializations to Commission

This Committee reaffirms that the Council on Social Work Education is the official accrediting body for social work education and that there should be no other accrediting authorities.

This Committee recommends that a school of social work be accredited for its basic generic curriculum and that there be no accrediting of any specialization by any definition.

The Committee agrees that implementation of this recommendation requires that the following actions be taken by the Council on Social Work Education:

1. To arrive at a clearer definition and more thorough formulation of the content and nature of the generic curriculum as a means of providing essential preparation for professional service in the various fields of social work practice.
2. To cooperate with appropriate groups in the preparation of guides in relation to specific fields of practice for enrichment of the basic curriculum and for more intensive preparation of students for various fields of practice.
3. To devise a systematic procedure for continuing evaluation of professional schools through periodic reviews as a basis for retention of accredited status.
4. To make available on a continuing basis consultation service to assist in the development of the curriculum as a whole and of specific curriculum interests related to various fields of practice.
5. To develop ways for informing the field and the public of resources available within the schools for preparation of students for various fields of practice.

The Committee is not prepared at the present time to recommend the timing in relation to carrying out the recommendation but is prepared to work further on this question if the Commission so desires.

Respectfully submitted: Clara A. Kaiser, Chairman

Committee on Specializations in Social Work Education

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Action of the Commission on Accreditation

On January 24, 1956 the Commission on Accreditation voted to approve the Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Specializations in Social Work Education and to refer the document to the Board of Directors and Council of Delegates for Action.

Request of the Commission to the Committee on Specializations

The Commission recognizes that the implementation of the proposal will require considerable planning and time and will involve the entire Council. The Commission has asked the Committee on Specializations to proceed with the following assignment and report to the Commission at its May 1956 meeting:

1) prepare a suggested time schedule for implementing the proposal;
2) prepare a memorandum suggesting methods and procedures for implementation including assignments to various groups, committees and so on.

The Commission will continue to use present approval procedures for specializations until approval has been obtained from the Council of Delgates and the questions of timing and implementation have been clarified.

It is hoped that it will be possible to provide further information about and opportunity for discussion on the proposal at a Council sponsored meeting at the National Conference of Social Work in St. Louis, Thursday, May 24, 1956.

GRANT FROM UNITED STEELWORKERS

As a result of the efforts of DEAN WILBER I. NEWSTETTER, the School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, initiated during his service as chairman of the Council's Finance Committee, the Council has received a grant in the amount of $2,500 from the United Steelworkers of America. The funds granted were unrestricted and will be used to finance recruitment activities.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARION HATHWAY MEMORIAL FUND

The friends, colleagues and former students of MARION HATHWAY have established a memorial fund to honor her contribution to the progress of professional education for social welfare. In her work as former Professor of Social Welfare at the University of Pittsburgh, as Executive Secretary of the American Association of Schools of Social Work, as Director of the Department of Social Economy at Bryn Mawr College and as Editor of the Houghton Mifflin social welfare publications, she constantly projected her devotion to the cause of social justice.

Announcement of the use to which the funds will be put will be made in a later issue of Social Work Education. Contributions to the Marion Hathway Memorial Fund should be sent to The Council on Social Work Education, 345 East 46th Street, New York 17, New York.

DEATH OF HELEN E. HAYDEN

The Council records with deep regret the death of PROFESSOR HELEN E. HAYDEN, member of the faculty of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work of Washington University. In addition to the many services rendered by Professor Hayden to both social work practice and social work education, she made a memorable contribution to the Council when, in 1952, she served as chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee of the First Annual Program Meeting in St. Louis. Miss Hayden was at the time of her death, a member of the Accreditation Commission. The Council has been informed by Washington University that an appropriate brochure is in preparation and will be distributed.

GENERAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

In a personal letter from President Ellsworth Bunker to President Fauri, attention was called to the volume of services rendered by the American Red Cross during this past year. The New York Chapter supplied the following up-to-date figures. Normally, the budgetary allowance for disaster services is $4,000,000. During the last seven months of 1955, such services were rendered to 16,000 families in the eastern states, at a cost of $18,000,000 and to 11,000 families in the western states at a cost of $8,000,000.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

At its Meeting in October 1955 the Board of Directors of the Council approved the establishment of a Joint Committee on Education of the Council and the National League for Nursing. President Fauri has invited the following persons to serve as the Council representatives on this Committee:

Muriel Gayford, Bryn Mawr, Graduate Department of Social Economy and Social Research; Mrs. Juliette C. Lipeles, New York School of Social Work, Columbia University; Elizabeth P. Rice, Harvard School of Public Health; Mrs. Annie Lee Sandusky, U.S. Children's Bureau.

UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE — At the request of the United States Employment Service, President Fauri has appointed Mrs. Michael Davis (Alice Taylor) as the Council's representative to the Department of Labor's Advisory Committee on Social Work Placement.

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK SECTION NASW — President Fauri has appointed Mr. Frank Hertel, Chairman of the Council's Committee on Careers in Social Work, and Miss Ann Elizabeth Neely, Consultant on Program Services to serve as the Council's representatives to the Recruitment Committee of the Medical Social Work Section of the NASW.

PAUL SCHREIBER — Dr. Paul Schreiber has been appointed Director of the Louis Rabinowitz School of Social Work at Hunter College in the City of New York. He will continue his service as Dean of the School of Social Work, Adelphi College, throughout the spring semester. The Hunter school will open in September 1956.

MEDICAL SOCIAL TRAINING PROJECT — The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has announced the availability of U.S. Children's Bureau Fellowships of $2,500 each for study in medical social work at the schools of social work of Boston College, Boston University and Simmons College. These are second year fellowships for which field work placements will be arranged through the Department's Medical Social Training Project and the Section of Social Work. Final applications and supporting material giving previous education, experience and present interest in study in medical social work must be filed with the Dean of the school of the applicant's choice not later than April 15, 1956. Final selection will be made by a committee of the medical social faculties of the three schools of social work and designated representatives of the Department.

NEW YORK STATE INTERNSHIPS — New York State Department of Social Welfare Bureau of Child Welfare is offering 3 internships per year for 2nd year graduate training with tuition paid by the Department plus $200 per month for living expenses. Following graduation the intern is expected to serve 6 months in a recognized hospital at $250 per month and then 12 months in public welfare assignments at $295 per month. While N. Y. State residents are preferred exceptions may be made for non-residents who plan to remain in rural child welfare in N.Y. State. Applications should be made to Bureau of Child Welfare, State Dept. of Social Welfare, 112 State Street, Albany, N.Y. before March 15 for entrance to a school of social work the following September.

NEW AIDS IN RECRUITMENT - FILMS AND FILM STRIPS

PEOPLE AND ME - the Council's new recruitment film strip is now available.

THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER - presented by the University of Southern California School of Social Work and the School Social Work section of the NASW. A 16 mm. black and white sound film; 25 minutes running time; sale price - $40.00; service charge - $2.00 plus transportation (California users, $1.00 plus transportation). Available from: University of Southern California, Audio-Visual Services, University Park, Los Angeles 7, California.

THE SOCIAL WORKER - a film strip produced in cooperation with the Canadian Welfare Council, the Canadian Association of Social Work, the Department of National Health and Welfare. For use in vocational guidance to high schools. Price: $1.50. Available from: Commercial Division, National Film Board, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

A PLACE TO LIVE - sponsored by the National Social Welfare Assembly and its Committee on the Aging. Rental information on request from the National Social Welfare Assembly, 345 East 46th Street, New York 17, New York.

NEW COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

SOCIAL WORK FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. The 1956-57 edition of this brochure was so greatly augmented that it has grown from 36 to 52 pages. Despite the considerably increased cost of producing the pamphlet, the Council will continue to make it available at 10¢ per copy.

STATISTICS ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION - 1954-55. Annual compilation of statistical data on social work education. 25¢

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS IN SOCIAL WELFARE: A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY. The new edition will be available by March 1, 1956. It is planned that annual supplements will be issued to keep the bibliography current. Orders may be placed with the Council now. $2.00 The cost of the annual supplements will be nominal.

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